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1. At 1510 hours [] two Chinese Communist naval vessels were anchored about 2,000 yards from the light boat at Shanghai. One of the vessels was about 1,500 tons and 200 feet in length. It had two long, narrow funnels; had two guns on the bow and one on the stern; and had an oval-shaped radar on the top of the mast. There were armed guards on deck. The smaller vessel, of 500-600 tons, had a small gun on the bow and two heavy machine guns on the stern; it did not have a radar.

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2. At 1600 hours [] four 700-ton Chinese Communist tankers were at the oil-storage dock at Woosung. The ships appeared to be newly-launched, and their names were written in Chinese characters.

3. [] the following vessels were in Shanghai:

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a. One large landing craft anchored at buoy 41 and another at buoy 39.

b. Two small naval vessels berthed at the Kiangwan Dock. Each vessel was about 500 tons and was armed with a gun on the stern and one on the bow. One vessel had a rectangular-shaped radar mounted on the mast; the other did not have a radar.

c.

d. One large landing craft, equipped with radar and armed with three guns on the bow and one on the stern, anchored in mid-stream near the Hui Shan Wharf.

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f. Two Soviet merchant vessels alongside the old Chao Shang Chu (2156/0794/1444) (CMSNC) Wharf. No activity was observed on the vessels.

g. One HO PING merchant vessel near the Chao Shang Chu Wharf.

h. One 3,000-ton passenger vessel near the Chao Shang Chu Wharf.

i. Two 700-ton tankers anchored in mid-stream near the T'ai Ku Wharf.

4. The following work was underway at the Kiangnan Dockyards ⁵ 25X1

a. Riverside Dock - one newly-completed tanker, the MIN CHUNG (3044/5883), undergoing repair of oil tanks.

b. No. 1 Dock - one 2,000-ton naval vessel undergoing repairs.

c. No. 2 Dock - two 500-ton naval vessels being equipped with guns.

d. No. 3 Dock - one large landing craft undergoing propellor repairs.

e. Dry dock (slipway) - steel-hulled landing craft with automobile engines being assembled night and day.

5. The Ssu Fang (0934/2455) Electric Machine Manufacturing Company received an order for 1,000 metal cabinets for radio receivers and 1,000 metal cabinets for radio transmitters. The firm was located on the left side of the Hsia Hai (1115/3189) Temple, Kunming Road, Hongkew District, Shanghai. On completion the cabinets were to be turned over to the Nanking Radio Factory for inspection and acceptance. The order for the cabinets was placed by the East China Industry Department, 137 Kwangtung Road, Shanghai; telephone number, 18174.

6. Between 20,000 and 30,000 troops were in the Kiangwan area for approximately two months.⁶ Chinese Communist tanks had been observed at the former Japanese Army Headquarters on Szechuan Road North, Shanghai. The tanks were armed with long-barrel guns and moved in and out of the area mostly in the early morning and late at night. Heavy artillery pieces drawn by trucks had been observed in the area.

7. Because of Nationalist air raids, plans were made to disperse people residing in Shanghai suburbs to the Chunhai (0402/3189) area. A block warden system was established in the various districts. The authorities began checking on persons between 20 and 40 years of age. The persons were classified as technician, merchant, student, laborer, unemployed, and other categories; and it was rumored that the classification was to be part of a contemplated conscription.

Comments

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1. These vessels are probably the former YUNG-class tankers of 1220 gross tons. The tankers have been renumbered in the CHIEN SHE series and are now plying between Shanghai and Dairen.

2. The landing craft is probably an LST, two of which were moored to buoys 38 and 39

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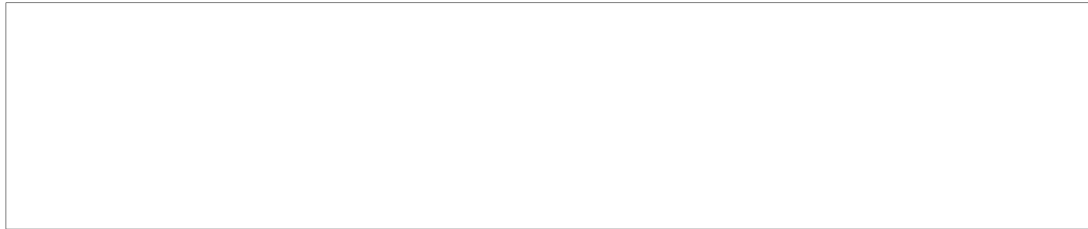
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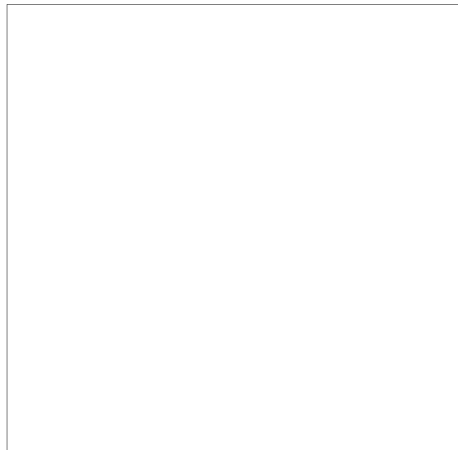
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5. The description of repair work at the Kiangnan Dockyards cannot be substantiated by the reporting office. 



6.  Comment. It was rumored that the troops had returned from Korea. 
 Comment. The presence of these troops in the Kiangwan area 
 was reported by a similar source 



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